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BEFORE THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

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**IN THE MATTER OF SOUTHWEST GAS
CORPORATION'S PROPOSAL TO
SUPPLEMENT AND MODIFY ITS
DEMAND SIDE MANAGEMENT PLAN.**

DOCKET NO. G-01551A-09-0039**DECISION NO. 74570****ORDER AMENDING DECISION NO. 71718**

Open Meeting
June 10, 2014
Phoenix, Arizona

BY THE COMMISSION:**FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. Southwest Gas Corporation ("Southwest Gas" or "the Company") is engaged in providing natural gas within portions of Arizona, pursuant to authority granted by the Arizona Corporation Commission ("Commission").

2. On June 11, 2009, Southwest Gas submitted its proposal to modify the Company's Demand-side management ("DSM"), or energy efficiency, program portfolio.

3. Among the modifications, Southwest Gas requested a modification to its bill assistance program. Southwest Gas has a bill assistance program for its low-income customers. Southwest Gas contracts with the Arizona Community Action Association ("ACAA") to administer the program. The ACAA distributes the bill assistance funding among community-based action agencies, retaining a portion as its administrative fee.

4. Southwest Gas proposed to modify the bill assistance program by allowing the ACAA to select the community action agencies used to disburse bill assistance funding, and to add or eliminate disbursing agencies without prior approval from the Commission, as long as the public benefited

1 from the distribution of the funds.

2 5. In Decision No. 71718 (June 3, 2010), the Commission, among other things, granted the
3 Company's proposed modification to its bill assistance program.

4 6. ACAA requested that Southwest Gas approach the Commission to request a further
5 modification to Decision No. 71718 to better enable Southwest Gas, and ACAA to fully utilize bill
6 assistance funding intended for low-income customers. The request was placed on the Commission's
7 June 10, 2014 Staff Open Meeting agenda, with notice and an opportunity to be heard. After
8 considering the requested modification, the Commission voted to modify Decision No. 71718.

9 7. To better enable Southwest Gas, and its agent, ACAA, to fully utilize bill assistance
10 funding intended for low-income customers, we find that Southwest Gas or its agent, ACAA, may
11 choose the agency or agencies eligible to disburse bill assistance funding ("Participating Agencies")
12 based on criteria utilized by ACAA and agreed to by Southwest Gas. Southwest Gas, or its agent,
13 ACAA, may allocate portions of the bill assistance funding between participating agencies, as it
14 deems necessary. Southwest Gas, or its agent, ACAA, shall require each Participating Agency
15 receiving a portion of the bill assistance funding to utilize such allocations within 12 months after the
16 receipt thereof, and solely to further the purpose of bill assistance. If a Participating Agency is
17 unable to utilize all of the bill assistance funding within the 12 month period, Southwest Gas or its
18 agent, ACAA, may re-appropriate the remainder of such funding and re-distribute those remaining
19 funds to an alternate Participating Agency. Southwest Gas will file a letter in the docket within thirty
20 (30) days of any changes to the list of community agencies designated as Participating Agencies for
21 bill assistance funding. Southwest Gas will report on the modified Low-Income Energy Conservation
22 program in its semi-annual report filed with the Commission, or in any succeeding form of report
23 ordered by the Commission.

24 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

25 1. Southwest Gas Corporation is a public service corporation within the meaning of Article
26 XV, section 2 of the Arizona Constitution and A.R.S. §§ 40-250,40-251,40-367,40-202,40-321, and
27 40-361.
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2. The Commission has jurisdiction over Southwest Gas and the subject matter discussed herein.

3. Pursuant to A.R.S. § 40-252, the Commission, having reviewed and considered the requested modification, concludes that it is in the public interest to approve the modification to Decision No. 71718 as discussed herein.

ORDER

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Decision No. 71718 is modified by the Commission in the manner determined by this Decision.

IT IS ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corporation or its agent, ACAA, will choose the agency or agencies eligible to disburse bill assistance funding (“Participating Agencies”) based on criteria utilized by ACAA and agreed to by Southwest Gas Corporation. Southwest Gas Corporation or its agent, ACAA, may allocate portions of the bill assistance funding between Participating Agencies as it deems necessary. Southwest Gas Corporation or its agent, ACAA, shall require each Participating Agency receiving a portion of the bill assistance funding to utilize such allocations within 12 months after the receipt thereof, and solely to further the purpose of bill assistance. If a Participating Agency is unable to utilize all of the bill assistance funding within the 12-month period, Southwest Gas Corporation or its agent, ACAA, may re-appropriate the remainder of such funding and re-distribute those remaining funds to an alternate Participating Agency.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corporation will file a letter in the docket within thirty (30) days of any changes to the list of community agencies designated as Participating Agencies for bill assistance funding.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Southwest Gas Corporation shall report on the modified Low-Income Energy Conservation program in its semi-annual report filed with the Commission, or in any succeeding form of report ordered by the Commission.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Decision No. 71718 not specifically modified herein continue to remain in effect.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this Decision shall become effective immediately.

BY THE ORDER OF THE ARIZONA CORPORATION COMMISSION

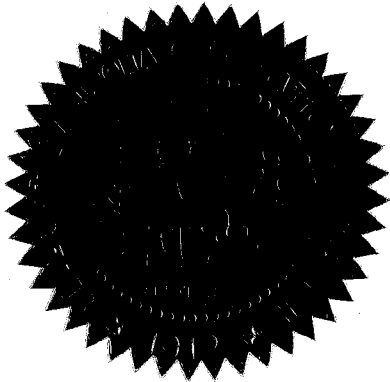
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, JODI JERICH, Executive Director of the Arizona Corporation Commission, have hereunto, set my hand and caused the official seal of this Commission to be affixed at the Capitol, in the City of Phoenix, this 25th day of June, 2014.

JODI JERICH
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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